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COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Memoriam

JOHN COOK BROWN

Captain 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry

DIED AT PHILADELPHIA PA. MARCH 9 1916

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JOHN COOK BROWN.

Private 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry August 14, 1862; Sergeant-Major November 18, 1863; discharged for promotion May 30, 1864.

First Lieutenant and Adjutant 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry May 30, 1864; Captain March 7, 1865; honorably mustered out August 7, 1865.

Elected October 16, 1889. Class I. Insignia 7330.

Born March 10, 1841, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Died March 9, 1916, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Companion John Cook Brown was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 10, 1841, and received his early education in the Bradford Private School and the Private School of John W. Faires. In the fall of 1856 he matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, but left at the close of Freshman year to enter the hardware business. He remained in the hardware business until he enlisted as a Private in Co. D, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry (Cameron Dragoons), on August 14, 1862.

On January 19, 1863, while a member of an advance guard near Williamsburg, Va., he was cut off with three others and captured. During this affair he was wounded in the hip with a pistol ball, but managed to escape from his captors and return to his regiment and, after ten days in the hospital, report for duty. In December, 1863, he was appointed Sergeant-Major, to rank from November 18th.

In April, 1864, he reenlisted for three years and in May was commissioned First Lieutenant and Adjutant, being mustered in May 30th at the headquarters of Major-General Benjamin F. Butler, at Bermuda Hundred, Va. On March 1, 1865, he was commissioned Captain Co. L, and mustered March 7th.

The 3rd Pennsylvania Cavalry having been reduced, through muster out by reason of expiration of term, to a four-company battalion, was then assigned to the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and Companion Brown was made Captain of Co. E, June 7, 1865, which office he held until his honorable discharge at Richmond, Va., August 7, 1865, returning therefrom to Philadelphia.

Soon after his return from the war he went into the hardware business in Philadelphia, and on February 5, 1867, was married to Sarah J. Elliott, of Philadelphia. In 1869 and 1870 he was in the retail hardware business in

Mansfield, Ohio, but returned to Philadelphia and the wholesale hardware business with the company later known as the Supplee Hardware Co., of which he was a director at the time of his retirement from business in 1909.

He was a member of Post 2, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania, and although he did not take an active part in the work he always was keenly interested and attended the National Encampment at Washington a few months prior to his death. The last six years of his life were spent away from active business, at his home in Philadelphia, where he enjoyed good health and took a deep interest in the events of the times.

Captain Brown was of a retiring disposition and shunned parade. There never was a more thoroughly gentle and polite gentleman than he and never one more genial when his acquaintance was made. He never sought promotion or advancement, yet both came to him because he was efficient and reliable. Of a very modest disposition, he chose to walk in simple ways and shrunk from publicity, but he held firmly the regard and respect of his old friends. He was full of sympathy for those in distress and always ready to lend a "helping hand" to those who needed it. He was constantly doing kindly acts for others, and was never so happy as when he was thus occupied. He was diligent in business; fervent in spirits; serving the Lord.

He died at his home in Philadelphia on March 9, 1916, the day before his seventy-fifth birthday, and is survived by his widow, his son and daughter.

JAMES W. LATTA,

Brevet Lieut-Colonel U. S. Vols.

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